



By the King.

A Proclamation to restraine the landing of Men,
or Goods, out of such Ships as shall come from the parts of
France, or the *Low-Countries* now infected with the Plague, till
they haue warrant from the Officers or Farmours of
His Maiesties Customes.



He Kings Maiestie being informed, that the infection of the plague
is at this present time dispersed into diuers Townes and places, both
of France, and the Low-Countries: and weighing the danger that may
ensue to his owne Kingdomes and people, by the resort of persons,
from any infected parts, or the landing of their goods here: hath
thought fit, (with the aduice of his Prīue Councell) out of his Prince-
ly care of the safety of his Subjects, and by all prouident meanes to
preuent the perill and inconueniences that may arise thereby, to de-
clare and publish his Royall will and pleasure in that behalfe: And doth therefore hereby
straightly charge and command, That during the time of the infection in those or any other
parts, no Ships or Vessels whatsoever, arriuing in any parts of this Kingdome, shall land any
Passenger, or Person, or any Apparell, household-stuffe, wares, or Merchandises, vntill such
time as they shall haue Licence from the Officers or Farmours of his Maiesties Customes, or
some of them, vpon due consideration by them first taken of the parts and places from whence
such Shipping shall come: vpon paine of imprisonment of euery person so landing, or other-
wise vnlading or sending a shore any such wares or Goods, and to be further proceeded against,
as high contemners of his Maiesties Royall Commands.



And for such Ships or Vessels, as (comming from any infected parts) shall arrive here, His Maiesties pleasure is, that the Officers and Farmours of His Customes take speciall care that no Licence or Warrant be given for the comming ashore of any person, or the landing or unlading of any goods therein, vntill twenty dayes after the arriuall of such Ship or Vessel here; Whereby it may be knowne, whether the men in such Ship shall stand in health or no: And if in such Vessel there shall be brought Apparell, Houshold-stuffe, or wares, that may bee thought fit to bee ayed, that then the same bee conueighed to some conuenient place, neere the water-side, remote from the Citie of London, or any other Towne or place of much resort.

And for the better effecting of His Maiesties Royall pleasure in the Premises, His Maiesties Farmours of His Customes are hereby required, vpon the arriuall of any Ship, Barke, or Vessel in any part of this Kingdome, to send a board one or more waiters or Guardians, the better to restraine the landing of Goods, or comming ashore of Men out of such Shipping, vntill due tryall shall bee had, that the same may bee done without perill or danger of Infection.

And lastly, His Maiestie doth hereby require and command all Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Bailiffes, Sheriffes, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other His Officers and Ministers whatsoever, to be aiding and assisting in the full accomplishment and execution of His Maiesties Royall pleasure herein declared, which so much importeth the common good and safety of His Kingdomes and people.

Giuen at the Court at Hampton-Court, the first day of Nouember, in the eleuenth yeere of His Maiesties Reigne.

God saue the King.



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